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SUBJECT: DENIAL OF VISA TO COLLINGS OF NEWSWEEK

REF: MOSCOW 3235

1. ON MARCH 11 EUR/SOV DIRECTOR MATLOCK DISCUSSED WITH SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS COUNSELOR YEVSTAFYEV SOVIET DECISION TO DENY VISA TO ANTHONY COLLINGS OF NEWSWEEK AND REQUESTED THAT DECISION BE RECONSIDERED. MATLOCK SAID DEPARTMENT UN-AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER BEHAVIOR BY COLLINGS DURING HIS PREVIOUS TOUR IN USSR AND CAN FIND NO RECORD OF SOVIET PROTESTS OF HIS BEHAVIOR AT THE TIME. MATLOCK NOTED THAT DENIAL OF VISA MAY WELL BE INTERPRETED BY AMERICAN MEDIA AS STEP INCONSISTENT WITH IMPROVED US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THIS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN EFFORTS TO DEMONSTRATE CHANGED ATMOSPHERE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS.

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FOR THESE REASONS, WE HOPE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL RE-

CONSIDER COLLINGS APPLICATION.

2. YEVSTAFYEV SAID INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW WAS BRIEF AND WITHOUT DETAILS BUT THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION COLLINGS IS ,PERSONNA NON GRATA" IN MOSCOW. HE PROMISED TO RELAY MATLOCK'S COMMENTS TO MFA BUT SAID HE HAS VERY LITTLE HOPE DECISION WOULD BE REVERSED. YEVSTAFYEV POINTED OUT THAT DECISION WAS DIRECTED PERSONALLY AGAINST COLLINGS AND NOT AGAINST NEWSWEEK, ADDING THAT EMBASSY HAD BEEN INSTRUCT-

ED TO TELL NEWSWEEK THAT MOSCOW IS READY TO CONSIDER ANOTHER NAME. YEVSTAFYEV EXPLAINED ABSENCE OF ANY FORMAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST COLLINGS BY CITING "TREMENDOUS TOLERANCE" OF OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW WHO DO NOT RAISE COMPLAINTS WHILE A PERSON IS IN MOSCOW BUT WHO DECIDE AMONG THEMSELVES THAT ONCE THE INDIVIDUAL LEAVES, HE MAY NOT COME BACK.

3. FYI: DEPARTMENT WILL WITHHOLD APPROVAL OF GAN VISA APPLICATION FOR TIME BEING. END FYI. KISSINGER

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